Ragging in Delhi University colleges

2184. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any committee to take up the issue of ragging in the colleges of Delhi University;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have arranged public discussion on this issue; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) In pursuance of orders dated 27th November, 2006 of the Supreme Court of India, a Committee was constituted under Dr. R.K. Raghvan to give suggestions on means of prevention of ragging in educational institutions in the country. The Committee, after extensive discussion with various educational institutions, student unions, teachers, parents, etc. submitted its Report to the Apex Court on 7.5.2007. The Court in its orders dated 16th May, 2007 have directed various authorities *viz.* Committee on Ragging, Central Government, Courts, all the States and Union Territories, Institutional Authorities and its respective functionaries to implement. recommendations of the Committee in all the educational institutions of the country, which also includes Delhi University and its Colleges. The Government has also taken up the matter with University Grants Commission and other authorities for ensuring strict compliance.

AICTE recognition to institutions

2185. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of institutions that have applied for recognition to the AICTE in the country during this academic year. State-wise;

(b) the number of institutions given approval to start engineering colleges;

(c) the number of institutions not given such permission; and

(d) the reasons for their rejection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), during this year, put of 320 applications received, 164 institutions have been given approval to start engineering colleges and 156 applications were rejected. The State-wise information is given in the Statement *{See* below).

(d) If the institutions have not fulfilled the norms prescribed in AICTE Approval Process Handbook (2006), the proposal is rejected.